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The Hon. Sir Charles Souter:—"I have no information, Sir, that such is the practice."

Mr. G. Rameswara Rao:—"As the practice has been going on in the Anantapur district for that matter, I have brought it to the notice of the Hon. Member."

The Hon. Sir Charles Souter:—"I hope the report on the matter will be received shortly."

Legality of the imposition of separate water-rate on paimash wet lands in inam and proprietary estates in Salem.

* 699 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether legal opinion has been obtained on the registered notices issued by some of the inamdars and proprietors of estates, in the Cauvery-irrigated area of Salem district questioning the authority of the Government to impose separate water-rate on paimash wet lands in their estates;

(*b*) if so, whether a copy of it will be laid on the table;

(*c*) whether the registered notices have been considered and orders have been passed by the Government thereon; and

(*d*) if so, whether a copy of the order will be placed on the table?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answers given to question No. 186 on 9th August 1935.

(*c*) & (*d*) The Government are awaiting a further report from the Board of Revenue in the matter.

Legality of the enhancement of water-rate in Salem as per G.O. No. 736, Revenue, dated 12th April 1934.

* 700 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether registered notices have been received by the Government or by the Collector questioning the authority of Government in the matter of the issue of G.O. No. 736, Revenue, dated 12th April 1934, increasing the water-rate in the Cauvery irrigated area of Salem district and threatening civil action;

(*b*) if so, whether any legal opinion has been obtained in the matter, and whether any reply notices have been issued; and

(*c*) whether copies of the legal opinion and the reply notices issued will be placed on the table?

A.—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answers given to question No. 186 on 9th August 1935.